

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 APR 0 2 2008

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of an application for a license for the export of defense articles or defense services to be sold under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Italy to provide continued support for the sale and operation of C-130J aircraft for the Italian Ministry of Defense.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable

Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate.